

China-Greece Innovation Collaboration Center Joint Establishment Framework Agreement

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The China-CEEC Innovation Cooperation Research Center is a cooperation platform dedicated to facilitating the cross-regional flow of innovation cooperation elements and promoting the transformation of innovation cooperation achievements among China and CEE countries. The Aristotle University of Thessaloniki in Greece is one of the largest and oldest institutions of higher education in the country, offering a wide range of academic fields including natural sciences, humanities, medicine, and engineering, making it a comprehensive research university. The university is not only a crucial center for education and research in Greece but also an active platform for international academic exchange.

To promote mutual benefit and win-win results in science

and technology innovation and promote exchanges and cooperation between China and Greece in the field of innovation, after initial communication and consultation, the two parties agreed to jointly establish the China-Greece Innovation Collaboration Center (hereinafter referred to as the "Center"), and enter into this agreement.

I. Work Content

(1) Establishing personnel exchange and cooperation mechanisms

The two parties jointly apply for personnel exchange funds from their own countries and the EU, promote exchanges of science researchers and international science and technology cooperation experts from both sides, establish personnel exchange mechanisms including technology innovation coordinator, visiting scholars, short-term exchanges and joint training, and deepen cooperation and exchanges between the two sides.

(2) Carrying out strategic research on science and technology cooperation

The two parties jointly conduct research in areas related to China-Greece science and technology cooperation policies and strategies, innovation ecosystem construction, and industrial innovation development, establish a joint research group, and share research results and policy suggestions through regular seminars and workshops.

(3) Promote technology matchmaking and industrial incubation.

The two parties are committed to promoting cooperation and exchange between innovative enterprises, projects, or technologies in China and Greece, through jointly planning and organizing events such as the China-CEEC SMEs Innovation Cooperation China Tour, and the China-CEEC Youth Innovation and Entrepreneurship Competition, to collect information on technology transfer and cooperation projects from science and technology enterprises, research institutions, and universities in China and CEEC, to assist project parties to find potential partners, effectively promoting technology transfer and cooperation between China and Greece, and accelerating the transformation and application of science and technology achievements.

(4) Coordinate cooperation and network construction

The two parties should assist each other in establishing contacts or cooperation with their respective governments or relevant organizations and provide necessary support. This includes promoting the establishment of a China-Greece collaborative innovation network, supporting the China-CEEC Innovation Cooperation Think Tank Alliance, and the construction of innovation cooperation networks in relevant professional fields between China and Greece, to provide a platform for exchange and cooperation for entities interested in

bilateral joint research and development, and the collaboration of laboratories. Furthermore, both parties should share information about their respective national policies on science and technology, market information, and research and development resources.

II. Funding and Resources

Party A and Party B agree to provide locally the required office space and staff necessary to carry out the work, subject to availability of resources. Moreover, the Greek official seat of the Center will be in Thessaloniki Greece and both Parties will agree on sharing the coverage of relevant operational costs of the Greek official seat.

III. Intellectual Property Rights

Results are owned by the Party that generates them. Where results are generated from work carried out jointly by the Parties and where their respective share of the work cannot be ascertained, the Parties shall jointly own equal undivided shares and conclude a written separate joint ownership agreement.

IV. Confidentiality/Restriction in use

Each Party agrees to receive and hold all information related to the implementation of the present collaboration in confidence and all information marked as “confidential” or communicated on a confidential basis for a period of 5 years after receipt thereof and shall exercise the same degree of care in preventing the disclosure of information as it does in

protecting its own information. Furthermore, the receiving Party promises not to use such confidential information or knowledge otherwise than for the purpose stipulated in the present collaboration, not to disclose Confidential Information without the prior written consent of the Disclosing Party and to ensure that internal distribution of Confidential Information by the Recipient shall take place on a strict need-to-know basis.

The obligation to confidentiality does not exist or is not applicable in as much as,

a) the Confidential Information has become or becomes publicly available,

b) such information was state of the art or knowledge of the receiving Partner prior to receipt,

c) such information is rightfully made available to the receiving Partner from a third source without any obligation of confidentiality,

d) the dissemination of such information is required by an order of a competent court or administrative agency.

In all these cases, the Recipient shall notify the Disclosing Party accordingly.

V. Modification and Termination of Agreement

This agreement may be modified by mutual decisions of the parties. If one party wishes to terminate this agreement, it shall notify the other party in writing three months in advance. This agreement shall take effect from the date when it is signed

and sealed by representatives of both parties. It shall be valid for five years and may be renewed upon expiration.

VI. Dispute Settlement

Matters not covered in this agreement shall be resolved through negotiation between the two parties.

VII. Others

This agreement is made in two copies, with Party A and Party B each holding one copy. This agreement will come into effect after being signed and sealed by Party A and Party B, and shall have legal effect.

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